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R 180706Z SEP 75
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: MILI, AS
SUBJC: EXPORT OF FIREARMS

REF: A. CANBERRA 5472
B. STATE 177789

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND CUSTOMS (DPC) HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN REGARD TO EXPORTS OF FIREARMS FROM U.S. DPC HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY SEVERAL AUSTRALIAN COMMERICAL FIREARMS DEALERS FOR ISSUANCE OF IMPORT PERMITS FOR FIREARMS FROM U.S. THESE DEALERS HAD BEEN INFORMED BY SUPPLIERS, BASED ON DEPARTMENT OF STATE MUNITIONS CONTROL NEWSLETTER NO. 12, 8/75 THAT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1975 EVERY APPLICATION FOR A U.S. LICENSE TO EXPORT FIREARMS OR FIREARMS AMMUNITION FOR COMMERICAL RESALE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN IMPORT PERMIT.

2. AS STATED IN REF (A), PARA 4, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERN-MENT DOES NOT ISSUE AN IMPORT PERMIT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF FIREARMS IN AUSTRALIA. PERMIT IS ONLY ISSUED AFTER FIREARMS HAVE PASSED SAFETY TESTING.

3. DPC HAS SENT LETTER TO COMMERICAL DEALERS MAKING
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INQUIRIES STATING "...NO IMPORT PERMIT AS SUCH IS

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ISSUED BY THIS DEPARTMENT FOR THESE FIREARMS. THERE
WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO YOU IMPORTING THE ABOVE CON-
SIGNMENT OF RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS PROVIDED THEY PASS THE
NORMAL SAFETY-TESTS ON THEIR IMPORTATION INTO AUSTRALIA".
DPC HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER (A)
AUSTRALIAN IMPORTERS WILL BE GRANTED EXEMPTION FROM
PROVIDING U.S. SUPPLIER WITH IMPORT PERMIT; OR (B)
IF NOT, WOULD LETTER TO DEALER ON LINES OUTLINED ABOVE
MEET USG REQUIREMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWER
TO QUERY IN PARA 3, ASAP.

5. MATERIAL PROMISED REF (A) PARA 5 POUCHED SEPTEMBER 12.
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